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Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, Southwest Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) is a private-public partnership in Marquette County, Michigan, whose mission is focused on the promotion and advancement of economic and community development. We are the Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce of Marquette County. Our members, 800 strong, are committed to this mission through the investment of time and resources.

LSCP seeks to foster a growing, diversified and sustainable regional economy for Marquette County. In our line of work, we discover, again and again that, in today's world, all competition is global competition. We want to equip our local business to thrive in the global marketplace. No tool is more fundamental to global economic success than broadband access.

The Internet is the primary means of tracking national and international markets. It is also our local businesses' gateway to becoming competitive in these markets. To this point, the speed and reliability of our community's broadband is a direct determinant of our businesses' success in the global marketplace. Without consistent mobile coverage and cutting-edge speeds for downloading information, our local businesses will struggle to keep up with competitors in better-connected areas.

On behalf of LSCP, I write in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA. If approved, the merger would allow for more efficient use of spectrum capacity and facilitate private-sector investment in infrastructure that would expand the reach of broadband services. The merger will also benefit Michigan's economy by freeing up network capacity for use by businesses and consumers, and by providing billions in new infrastructure investments that will create good paying jobs in the telecommunications industry.

AT&T and T-Mobile's merger will, we believe, support our competitiveness in the global marketplace. Their LTE system will offer improved network capacity, and access to real-time information for customers. We urge your support of this merger and would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Clickner, CEO

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